

Sunburst

Vol. 49 No. 1

Serving the Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. community

Friday, Jan. 6, 2006



Welcome 2006

The little ones

The Holloman Child Development Center has several programs available for the children of Team Holloman.

Page 4

Child seating

A 49th Medical Group officer discusses why it's important to use car seats properly.

Page 6

Auld Lang Syne



A look back at 2005.

Page 8

OPS PULSE

Mission capable rates December 2005

49th Mission Support Group

CES orders started/finished...932/882

Average completion time: 15.2 days

49th Medical Group

Percent ready for deployment.....81%

(Air Force goal is 75%)

49th Maintenance Group

Mission capable rate.....80.8%

(ACC standard is 76%)

49th Materiel Maintenance Group

Vehicles in commission.....94%

(ACC standard is 90%)

49th Operations Group

F-117A sorties flown.....381

Total flight hours: 422



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

Light up the night

Staff Sgt. Raymond Lara, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels storage supervisor, sets up luminarias Dec. 16 at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Alamogordo. More than 90 Team Holloman members volunteered their time to set up 3,000 of the traditional Southwestern holiday lights at the school.

100 riders turn out for charity toy run

By Ms. Teresa A. Gallagher

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Never mind Santa and his sleigh – thanks to the Toys for Tots program and one Holloman noncommissioned officer's recruitment efforts, nearly 100 motorcyclists rode to deliver toys to local children Dec. 17.

Staff Sgt. Tim Schuster, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, serves as a motorcycle safety mentor and said he felt the event would be a fun seasonal activity for his motorcycle group.

The mission of the Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to needy children.

"I'm sure other Air Force members got involved throughout the entire base because of the nature of this event and the feeling of wanting to help others," he said.

The 2005 Toys for Tots ride began with approximately 25 civilian and military motorcyclists gathering at the Enlisted Club before being escorted by Otero County Sheriff's Office reserve deputies to the Alamogordo Cycle Center on White Sands Boulevard. There, they met an additional 75 participants before resuming the ride to Griggs Field in north Alamogordo.

See TOYS on page 3

Putting the AF first is our duty

by 1st Lt. Kristen D. Duncan
96th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Balance the officer and enlisted corps. That is the current need of the Air Force. As an officer and a second generation Airman, I’ve been told from day one, the “needs of the Air Force” come first.

What happens when those needs mean the loss of my job -- and not just my job, but a career of integrity, service and excellence? I vowed to protect the Constitution. To continue what my father and the greatest generation did in World War II. I am truly a patriot. I am an Airman.

With force shaping, Air Force leadership is undertaking the very difficult task of reducing its forces. Brig. Gen. Kathleen Close, the Air Force Materiel Command director of installations and mission support, said the leadership knows they could be losing a future commander or a future general. But the

Air Force can no longer support the imbalance of officers to enlisted troops.

To support the mission, the service has to reduce its 2002 and 2003 year group lieutenants through volunteer or forced separations.

That equals more than 4,000 young, promising lieutenants. One thing is certain; the caliber of our lieutenants is unparalleled. The question is, what does this do to our morale?

Working on various projects, I have to wonder, will any of this mean anything if I’m force-shaped? Will I still be able to lead my troops? Is my morale going to take a nose dive? What if I work harder than I’ve ever worked to impress the heck out of every commander I’ve ever met? How do I keep focused on my job and my mission?

The answer is really quite simple. We should all work harder, not to impress for fear of losing our jobs, but because we are all officers who strive for excellence. We

should continue to accomplish our jobs with the same unflinching performance and the same can-do attitude we’ve always had.

We should continue to work hard for our shops, our troops, our families, our nation and ourselves.

In one of the hardest-hit career fields, I’ve examined all my options and have come up with a few ideas: navigator training, Palace Chase and even switching services. Thankfully, the Air Force is giving us options. I’ve come to realize, though, that serving my country means serving its needs. The needs of the Air Force must always come first.

I hope to make a career of the “blue.” But even if my active-duty career is cut short, it is for the mission of the Air Force and the U.S. military that I will serve and honorably discharge.

It could be my last act on active-duty. But I am, and will always be, an Airman.

- (AFPN)

Holloman to receive share of \$6 million for child care

by Ms. Beth Gosselin
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

Air Combat Command was awarded \$6.35 million by the Pentagon to fund 212 additional child care spaces through minor construction projects at child development centers at five bases, including Holloman.

Ms. Sheila Robinson, Family Member Program specialist for ACC, said the funding addresses a major concern of Air Force families.

“When our Airmen engage in their mission, whether it is through deployment or here on base, they need to know their children are taken care of in a quality program,” said Ms. Robinson.

Air Combat Command provides child care through the use of on-base child development centers, school-age programs and by licensing on- and off-base family child care homes.

There are 1,350 children command-wide on waiting lists to enter a CDC, Ms. Robinson explained.

“We want our families to have quality child care right here on base,” she said.

Ms. Robinson said most of the new child care spaces will focus on caring for younger children. “Because we find we have a great demand for infants, pre-toddlers and toddlers, the [added] spaces will be geared toward [meeting that need],” she said.


All ACC projects are estimated to be completed by January 2007. - (ACCNS)

Editor’s note: See page 4 for a related article on the Holloman CDC.

Holloman

Hotline

572-7500



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski
49th FW commander

Housing office2-3981

Housing maintenance2-7901

Medical clinic2-5991

Finance2-5107

Services2-3528

Commissary2-5127

Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713

BX479-6164

Editorial Staff

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski.....	49th Fighter Wing commander
Capt. Trisha Raynoha	Public Affairs director
Capt. Vincent King.....	Public Affairs deputy director
1st Lt. Shantece Wade.....	Internal Information chief
Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden.....	Editor
Spc. (Ret.) James Matise.....	Staff writer

The SUNBURST is published by Alamogordo Daily News, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. This civilian enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the SUNBURST are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense or Department of the Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, Department of the Air Force or Alamogordo Daily News, of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliations or any other

nonmerit fact of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Holloman Public Affairs Office. All photos used are U.S. Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated. For editorial information call (505) 572-3515. Stories should be submitted directly to the Public Affairs Office via e-mail to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil or mailed to 49 FW/PA, 490 First Street, Suite 2800, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., 88330-8287. All material is edited for accuracy, brevity, clarity, and conformity to regulations. The delivery of the SUNBURST to Holloman on-base family housing sections is provided by Alamogordo Daily News. *The deadline for submitting articles to the SUNBURST is 4 p.m. Thursday the week before publication.* For advertising information, please call (505) 437-7120.

NEWS

TOYS

From page 1

“I honestly only expected about a dozen riders total,” Sergeant Schuster said. “I was overwhelmed.”

The throng of motorcyclists with gifts strapped to their bikes, some wearing pine wreaths or Santa hats, joined a platoon of escorts from the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, Alamo West Fire and Rescue and Dungan Volunteer Fire Department, and hit the road for the 10-mile ride to Griggs Field.

Sergeant Schuster described their arrival at Griggs Field as a “party.”

“All of the Toys for Tots volunteers already on the site met us with open arms and everyone seemed to feel as if they had contributed something special,” he said.

The large gift donation boxes pre-positioned at the site were soon overflowing as many of the riders donated more than one gift. At least five large boxes were filled with donations.

The motorcycle riders were rewarded for their generosity with a cook-out organized by Mr. Wally Anderson, Alamogordo

Toys for Tots representative.

Staff Sergeant Shane Stevens, 49th AMXS, also participated in the event and said events like the Toys for Tots ride strengthen the bond between the military and the outlying civilian communities surrounding the base.

“We want to be a part of the local community and this event shows it,” he said. “Our support for our fellow countrymen extends inside – within our borders – as well as outside.”

While Sergeant Schuster devoted time to recruiting other riders for the events, the number of participants exceeded his initial expectations.

“I’ve been in large gatherings of motorcyclists before, but to see such a big turnout for an event that I organized was fantastic,” Sergeant Schuster said. “I will never know the names of all the riders that participated, but ... I hope to see them all, and a lot more, next year.”

Staff Sgt. Tim Schuster
49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

CDC takes care of warfighters’ children

By 1st Lt. Shantece Wade
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Good child care may be hard to find, but where there’s the Child Development Center, there’s a way.

The Holloman CDC, which is accredited and nationally recognized for its high standards of quality by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, shines its emphasis on child care quality, interaction with children, creative teaching methods and support for the base mission.

The CDC uses a five-level method to determine child care services priority, with priority one being the most likely to receive services and priority five being the least likely:

- Priority one: active-duty single or dual military parents.
- Priority two: active-duty military with a working spouse or a full-time student.
- Priority three: Department of Defense civilian single parents or DoD civilians with working spouses.
- Priority four: active-duty with an unemployed spouse.
- Priority five: all others.

Parents with special-needs children require other considerations.

“Children with special needs are gladly accepted into the CDC,” said Ms. Susan Misener, 49th Services Squadron family member programs flight chief. “The CDC works closely with our medical advisor to determine the appropriate child/provider ratio. As well, children who require a special diet because of allergies are accommodated. We also work closely with downtown [Alamogordo] agencies such as Zia Therapy Center to ensure a child’s specific needs are met.”

Due to their young age, children tend to get sick often and many parents cannot take time off from work. For this reason, the CDC offers the Mildly Ill Program, which offers free child care to sick children if they are enrolled in the CDC or the School Age Program. Once parents meet with the Mildly Ill Family Child Care provider, they can enroll their children in the program. Parents can then take their children to the MIFCC provider’s home if the child is too ill to be in the CDC or SAP.

“The MIFCC provider may not

be available when needed since the ratios are lower than those of a traditional Family Child Care provider,” Ms. Misener said.

On that same note, extended child care is available for children through the CDC, designed to allow parents to obtain additional child care for duty-related responsibilities at no cost. However, parents are responsible for any fees incurred when the parent is not fulfilling mission requirements and the extended care program only pays for child care during work-related hours. In addition, FCC providers can also provide 20 hours of child care for members permanently changing duty stations to and from Holloman.

According to Ms. Misener, the typical day at the CDC includes playtime periods, meals and a variety of scheduled learning activities.

Parents also play a part in the child’s activities at the CDC.

“Parent activities are offered monthly. These activities allow parents to spend time with their child by participating in an activity or sharing a meal or snack,” Ms. Misener said.



Photo by 1st Lt. Shantece Wade

Dependents play at the Holloman Child Development Center, which offers a number of services to Team Holloman families.

With a staff of more than 70, the Holloman CDC scored a 90 percent on their yearly unannounced 2005 inspection, which is higher than the Air Force average of 86.6 percent and the Air Combat Command average of 87 percent.

“The [Holloman] CDCs are another example of how the 49th Services Squadron takes care of people’s needs across the base,” said Lt. Col. Carleton Hirschel, 49th Services Squadron commander. “The consistently high satisfaction ratings from our customers and the outstanding scores

we receive from the Air Force and DoD are a credit to the hard work of the staffs at our facilities.”

To inquire about employment at the CDC, visit the Human Resource Office, building 222, room 210. The application is good for six months. Applicants must be 18 years old, a high school graduate and speak, read and write English.

For more information about the CDC, please call 572-7505. Child Development Center hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Proposed bag process means lighter loads

122 Holloman Airmen deploy with no A or C bags to test new system

by Mr. Tom Fuller
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
media relations chief

The Air Force is testing a new mobility bag process that will lighten the load of many Holloman Airmen deploying to Southwest Asia, and save the service money, too.

According to an Air Force news release, three locations in the deployment area are test sites for a new process to preposition mobility bags and chemical warfare defense

“Being 5 [feet], 3 inches tall, I was dreading lugging around five bags and a weapon through the airport.”

Master Sgt. Cindy McKee
49th Fighter Wing
unit deployment manager

and the number of aircraft seats lost due to weight restrictions. The process is expected to eliminate the need for most deployed personnel to carry individual protective equipment.

According to Capt. Jason Kalin, 49th Fighter Wing installation deployment officer, the pilot program will affect about 122 Airmen from several squadrons who are deploying for Air and Space Expeditionary Force 9 and 10.

Capt Kalin said the advantage of the new initiative is the additional seats it will generate for airlift.

“Transportation Data Coordinating Committee books everybody by seats, and if you get less bags and less weight, then you get more seats. Then TDCC won’t have to order as many as they normally do,” he said.

Capt. Kalin said that Air Force also saves money by reducing the excess baggage fees commercial airlines charge Airmen who must

carry all of their personal professional equipment with them. “As a whole, the Air Force is spending about \$17 million in excess baggage charges per AEF cycle. This will definitely cut down on the excess baggage charge.”

Participating Airmen reported to the base deployment processing center on Wednesday and Thursday and logged in to the CENTAF website to register their size requirements. Their equipment will then be waiting for them when they arrive at their

expeditionary theater distribution center.

“Depending on what the [Air Force] message said, they will deploy without their A and C bags,” said Master Sgt. Cindy McKee, unit deployment manager for the 49th

FW staff agencies. “They will still take B bags if required because they don’t have enough of those in the area of responsibility yet.”

Sergeant McKee said the prepositioning of personal equipment will make it much easier for Airmen who might have to carry their bags through civilian airports and military transition points on their way to and from their deployment location.

“This alleviates having to carry your weapon, your personal bag, an optional carry-on bag and your three mobility bags,” she said. “If I carried everything it would probably be close to two hundred pounds.”

Sergeant McKee is one of the Airmen lucky enough to take part in the test as she will deploy as part of AEF 9 and 10.

“I’m relieved,” she said, “because of being 5 [feet], 3 inches tall I was dreading lugging around five bags and a weapon through the airport.”

Secure little passengers

Child safety seats save lives, but only if you use them

by Lt Col. Gerald Scott Welker
49th Medical Group Surgery Clinic director

You may have seen the Dec. 13 edition of the *Alamogordo Daily News*. If so, you couldn’t help notice the photo of the fatal car accident on the front page. Car vs. truck, head-on. It was pretty ugly.

According to the consensus of the first responders, the car was traveling a bit too fast for conditions, considering the two inches of fresh snow on the road. The male driver of the car survived at least to the ambulance, but two of his passengers did not. He was very disoriented and distracted. He appeared more concerned with the pain in his leg than the destruction around him and didn’t seem to realize what had happened to his passengers.

My knowledge of the accident is pretty detailed ... I was there, you see. The wreck occurred six cars ahead of me on my way to work. The police welcomed me to the scene once I told them I was a doctor. The passenger in the front seat looked like she didn’t have much of a chance. I’ve seen lots of trauma in various emergency rooms and after a while you pick up on the clues that someone isn’t going to live; the woman did not have a pulse, wasn’t breathing, and her sternum was in several pieces (the bones grind together when compressing the chest during cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Her chest re-expanded very slowly after the compressions, an indication of blood loss; and her head was difficult to keep stable, probably because her neck was broken. Her poor response to our efforts led me to believe she was not going to live. But the worst sign of all was her unused seat belt dangling in the car. It was very sobering.

That feeling was a walk in the park compared to what I saw next

when I helped the sheriff with another passenger, a 3-year-old boy. Just like the woman, the boy also responded poorly to CPR efforts. We placed him on a blanket on the ground to continue our attempts to revive him. We were careful with his neck and head, but I could tell by the way his little body was crumpled that his injuries were terrible, even worse than the woman’s. I looked again at the car and noticed the most disheartening thing of all: no car seat.

The front of the car was crushed, the windshield shattered and the frame twisted, but the rear passenger compartment was completely intact, even the windows. I tried to imagine the gray, lifeless child not lying on the road as he was, but wide-eyed and pink-faced, secure in his child safety seat in the rear of the vehicle. I couldn’t, though – the sight of his unblinking brown eyes staring endlessly at the snowy, gray sky was overwhelming.

It’s hard to say whether the woman may have survived had she been wearing a seat belt because the impact was quite severe even though both vehicles were probably traveling only 25 or 30 miles per hour. However, there is no doubt whatsoever that the little boy could have survived if he was in the back of the car, properly restrained in a child safety seat. To me, the tragedy is magnified by this neglect.

I hope I am “preaching to the choir” on this subject, but if there’s even one parent who allows his child to “ride up front” for a short trip, occasionally lets a fussy toddler out of their car seat to “calm down,” or buckles a 7-year-old in the front seat without a car seat, please take heed. Even in perfect weather, at slow speeds, on a short trip and in a modern and safe automobile, accidents can strike without warning.

Your kids belong in the back seat, restrained in a car seat prop-

On the side

Seatbelt safety

- According to the American Academy of Pediatrics:
- Use rear-facing child safety seats for infants up to 20 pounds and 1 year old.
 - Use rear or forward facing child safety seats for toddlers up to 40 pounds.
 - Older children should then use booster seats until 80 pounds, 8 years old and at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall.
- When all three of these conditions have been met, your child may buckle up like an adult.
- The back seat is always safer than the front.

erly sized for each child’s age and weight. This means adjusting and replacing each seat as your children grow, and enforcing the seats’ use without fail until the children are large enough to sit buckled up like adults.

If you think you can’t afford a car seat, used ones are easy to find for less than a tank of gas.

There are no good excuses for not securing your child in a child safety seat. Make it a condition of going anywhere. Is this hard to do? Not at all. Pretend the car doesn’t work unless there’s enough weight in the child’s seat. Pull the car over if your children need to climb out.

Do not let your child end up like the little boy I saw die on the side of Highway 82. I will be haunted forever by his cold, gray face and the snowflakes landing on his unblinking eyes. Always make sure that all passengers are properly secured with either a seatbelt or child safety seat because saving a life is a wonderful thing.

Knocking down the pins

Holloman Intramural League Bowling Week 13 team standings

12/13/2005 Week 13 of 24 **Holloman Intramural League** Page 1
Tuesday 5:30 pm **Holloman Bowling Center** Lanes 13 - 12
Sanction Numbers: ABC/WIBC: YABA: Lane Certification: 7185
Association LABS Codes: ABC: WIBC: YABA:

Team Standings											
	Place	#	Team Name	Points Won	Points Lost	UnEarned Points	Scratch Pins	Pins plus Handicap			
	1	14	49 OSS	71	33		23445	32097			
	2	24	49 MDG	68	36		21018	31311			
	3	22	49 MMG Team A	66	38		22798	32326			
	4	6	GAF Team C	64	40		20378	31880			
	5	18	49 MSS Team B	64	40		20229	31863			
	6	7	49 MXS Team A	64	40		21800	31478			
	7	3	49 LRS Team A	63	41		22254	31602			
	8	12	49 CS Team B	62	42		20842	31927			
	9	16	49 MSS Team A	60	44		21377	31238			
	10	15	49 CES Team A	59	45		19717	31744			
	11	20	49 SVS	56	48		18348	31752			
	12	13	49 MOS	55	49		22155	31038			
	13	5	49 LRS Team B	54	50		17892	31539			
	14	11	49 MXS Team C	52	52		24616	32140			
	15	10	49 CS Team A	48	56		24964	31366			
	16	1	49 MMG Team B	48	56		19164	31176			
	17	19	49 CES Team C	47	57		22119	32037			
	18	8	GAF Team D	47	57		19872	31101			
	19	17	49 CES Team B	46	58		18127	31582			
	20	2	GAF Team A	38	66		20043	30933			
	21	9	49 MXS Team B	38	66		20858	30875			
	22	4	GAF Team B	36	68		21160	31258			
	23	21	49 CES Team D	32	72		20917	30628			
	24	23	Bye	0	0		0	0			

Lane Assignments											
	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10 11-12
14 01/03	2-17	4-19	6-21	8-23	18- 9	20-11	22-13	24-15	1-10	3-12	5-14 7-16
15 01/10	6-23	8-21	2-19	4-17	22-15	24-13	18-11	20- 9	7-14	5-16	3-10 1-12

Season High Scores											
	Scratch Game	763	49 MXS Team C	735	49 OSS				720	49 CES Team C	
	Scratch Series	2132	49 MXS Team C	2073	49 OSS				2062	49 CS Team A	
	Handicap Game	998	49 MXS Team B	970	49 MMG Team A				968	49 CES Team C	
	Handicap Series	2789	49 MXS Team C	2734	49 MXS Team B				2731	49 CES Team C	
Men	Scratch Game	269	Scott Thomsen	269	Tyrone Murray				256	Lloyd Theriot	
	Scratch Series	661	Scott Thomsen	658	Lloyd Theriot				633	Tyrone Murray	
	Handicap Game	305	Uwe Gottwald	305	Kristopher Johnson				284	Joachim Grasser	
	Handicap Series	757	Scott Kozina	753	William Dunlap				750	Joachim Grasser	
Women	Scratch Game	223	Dawn Vetter	221	Doreen Thomsen				214	Cindy Holder	
	Scratch Series	577	Doreen Thomsen	552	Cindy Holder				546	Dawn Vetter	
	Handicap Game	281	Dawn Vetter	270	Kerry Holland				266	April Pimentel	
	Handicap Series	730	Lee Elrod	705	Petra Grasser				705	Dawn Vetter	

Last Week's Top Scores											
	Scratch Game	708	49 CS Team A	707	49 OSS				705	49 MMG Team A	
	Scratch Series	2045	49 OSS	1989	49 CS Team A				1911	49 MXS Team C	
	Handicap Game	941	49 MDG	927	49 CS Team B				927	49 MMG Team A	
	Handicap Series	2642	49 CES Team A	2618	49 CS Team B				2593	49 LRS Team A	
Men	Scratch Game	256	Lloyd Theriot	232	Brian McDonald				223	Matthew Fenton	
	Scratch Series	658	Lloyd Theriot	591	Matthew Fenton				559	Scott Thomsen	
	Handicap Game	287	Brian McDonald	283	Lloyd Theriot				271	Michael Herd	
	Handicap Series	739	Lloyd Theriot	734	Michael Herd				720	Patrick Vogel	

January:

- Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th Fighter Squadron commander, reaches 1,000 flying hours in the F-117A Nighthawk.
- Mr. Ron Williams captures the Air Force Education and Training Manager Award.
- The 49th Fighter Wing receives an ‘excellent’ rating during inspections of the 49th Operations Group, the 7th Combat Training Squadron and the 8th and 9th Fighter Squadrons.
- Civilian contractor gate-guards augment base entry control points from security forces.
- Finance scores big: Maj. Regina Goff, 49th Comptroller Squadron commander, receives Air Combat Command’s Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year Award, Master Sgt. Karen Gandy, 49th CPTS service superintendent, receives the ACC Financial Management Senior NCO of the Year Award and Mrs. Karen CodyVan Brunt, 49 CPTS military pay technician, receives the ACC Financial Services Civilian of the Year (GS-10 and below).

February:

- The 49th Maintenance Squadron’s collaborative efforts with the German Air Force created a new process for inspecting the German Tornado aircraft’s ejection seats for a dangerous structural problem.
- Holloman leaps into a Phase-I Operational Readiness Exercise to prepare for May’s Operational Readiness Inspection.



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Contracted security forces tackle gate-guard duties for the 49th Security Forces Squadron.



Photo courtesy of 49th CS/SC/SV

Col. Gail Colvin (left), 49th Mission Support Group commander, presides over the new base exchange ground-breaking ceremony. Construction officially began with five local VIPs breaking ground. The new BX is scheduled to open July 2006.

- Members of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Air Transportation Flight return a 1,000-pound piece of Air Force history to Holloman Jan. 28, a XQ-2 Firebee Drone. The aircraft was loaned to the New Mexico Museum of Space History from the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in 1999.
- Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Drew, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, tackles an unruly passenger on board a civilian airliner after the man voiced terrorist threats and became violent.
- Mr. Jerry McDermott, 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office occupational safety and health manager, was selected as the Air Force’s nominee for the GEICO Public Service Award for Traffic Safety and Accident Prevention.

March:

- Runners from Team Holloman and as far away as Albuquerque, kicked off the 2005 Stealth Duathlon sponsored by Outdoor Recreation. The duathlon challenged athletes in two events, a five-mile run and 25-mile bike race. Competitors ranging in age from 18 to 61 were tallied into their individual age brackets and scored accordingly.
- Holloman Airfield Operations was named Air Combat Command’s Airfield Operations Flight Complex of the Year for 2004.
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center staff designated Capt. (Dr.) Patrick Thompson as Physician of the Year.

April:

- Holloman participates in Wingman Day.
- Holloman hosts its first airshow in three years. Sixty-three thousand people attended, three times more than previous airshow.
- Mr. Bruce Atkinson, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron materials expediter, was recognized as the Air Force’s Supply Civilian of the year.
- A ground-breaking ceremony commemorating the first official day of construction on Holloman’s new base exchange took place. The new BX is scheduled to open during this summer.
- Holloman’s F-117A Nighthawk team traveled to Air Force bases across the country to demonstrate its low-observable stealth capabilities. The demo

- team traveled twice monthly, to support and perform aerial fly-bys and static displays at air shows across the country.
- Students from Holloman Middle School won the New Mexico National History Day State Competition at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, April 29.
 - The official safety report is released detailing an aerial malfunction causing Lt. Col. Charles Hainline, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron, Det. One commander, to pull out of 7-G turn when a software malfunction occurred,



Photo by 49th CS/SCSV

Col. Manfred Molitor, German Air Force Flying Training Squadron commander (left) and Brig. Gen. Kurt `Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, tap the first keg at Holloman’s ‘05 Ocktoberfest.



taking control of the QF-4 he was piloting.

May:

- Team Holloman tackles it’s Operational Readiness Inspection; receives ratings of ‘excellent’ for every major catagory.
- Holloman celebrates National Police Week with activities both on and off base.
- The Secretary of Defense announces the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference May 13.
- Holloman holds it’s annual Fitness Fair at the Health and

- Wellness Center. Hundreds attended.
- Holloman Family Support Center established school liaison position to better address educational concerns within the base community and to ease the stress of transitioning from one school district to another.
 - The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group is designated as the Air Force Center of Excellence for Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources operations.
 - Holloman thanks local civic leaders and military community for their support during April’s airshow in a



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Senior Airman Patrick , 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron assistant set chief, prepares a BEAR Base set for departure to New Orleans. Team Holloman worked 24-7 to assist with relief efforts following September’s hurricane in the Gulf Coast Region.

- bonte competed against more than 30 U.S. Air Force members, the German air force, Great Britian’s Royal air force, the Belgium air force and the Royal Netherlands army.
- The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group opened its doors to family members and friends June 17, during their “BEAR Necessities” family day. The event showcased life in a deployed environment using Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource equipment.

July:

- 49th Civil Engineer Airmen train with Army soldiers during a joint two-week training exercise at Base Camp Dona Ana, north of Ft. Bliss, Texas, to familiarize themselves with each others’ operations. Scenarios included live-fire convoy operations.
- Holloman celebrated the fourth of July.
- The flight simulator at the German air force Flying Training Center re opened its doors in July after extensive upgrades

August:

- A new speeding policy in Holloman’s school and housing area took effect Aug. 1.
- 49th Civil Engineer Squadron completes construction on a running track around the softball fields, tennis courts and quarter-mile track.
- F-117A Nighthawk #790, damaged almost beyond repair by an engine fire six years ago returned to Holloman and to operational status with the 8th Fighter Squadron.

- Air Combat Command command chief, Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, visits the wing.
- Services held for 49th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, Anita, who died after a distinguished eight-year career.
- 49ers mark 60th Anniversary of World War II.
- Pam Tillis plays a free concert at the 49th Services Squadron Fitness Center gym.
- Ms. Carolyn Peeler, 49th Mission Support Squadron manpower programs and special projects chief, is awarded the Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award.

- A four-member civil engineer team from Holloman Air Force Base deploys to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

September:

- The 49th Fighter Wing Chapel hosts the Holloman Chapel Rally at Thrasher Park. More than 200 Team Holloman members attend the weekend festivities in 97 degree heat.
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Kay, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility instructor, is recognized for his work supporting the world-wide air bridge of cargo re-supplying America’s forces overseas. Sergeant Kay was one of twelve Airmen throughout the Air Force to be awarded the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award.
- Holloman implements the 0-0-1-3 program: zero drinking under age 21, zero driving under the influence, one drink per hour, and three drinks a night.
- Holloman marks the Air Force’s 58th birthday with an Air Force Ball.
- More than 50 Airmen from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group deploy to support relief efforts along the Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina. The group was called into action to set up a 550-person Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to house relief workers.
- Holloman remembers prisoners of war and those missing in action in a wing-wide POW/MIA day of reflection Sept. 16.
- Col. Andrew Papp, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, takes a farewell flight in the F-117A before leaving New Mexico for an assignment as the U.S. Air Force Air Attache’ in Honduras.
- Senior Master Sgt. David Urdahl, 49th Civil Engineer explosive ordnance division superintendent, receives the Bronze Star for saving the lives of two fellow EOD members deployed to Iraq. Sergeant Urdahl grabbed a burning white phosphorous round before it could detonate a nearby pile of munitions.



Photo by Senior Airman Heather Frady

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the Air Force’s 58th birthday, Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Lustig and his wife Linda dance to swing music in authentic period uniforms at the Air Force Ball held Sept. 17 in hangar 500. The music was provided by the Army’s Big Band from Fort Bliss, Texas.

October:

- Holloman ends it’s 101 Crital Days of Summer with no major incidents.
- Holloman kicks off the Combined Federal Campaign and reaches its goal in only 11 weeks.
- Holloman celebrates Ocktoberfest Sept. 24.
- One of five F-117A full-scale development prototypes was delivered to Holloman and removed from flying status after 24-years. F-117A number 782, completed its final flight by landing at Holloman. The aircraft is being converted to a training device for F-117A aircrews.

November:

- A plaque honoring former New Mexico 2nd District Congressman Joseph R. Skeen, is unveiled in the new base housing area adjacent to the Holloman Primary School. The late congressman was a staunch advocate for Team Holloman.

December:

- Team Holloman members prepare to deploy as part of Air and Space Expeditionary Force 9 and 10 to forward deployed locations to support the global war on terrorism.

HOLLOMAN HERO



Staff Sgt. Andrew Wright
49th Communications Squadron

Duty title: Network management technician.

makes us the most powerful air force in the world.

Core value portrayed: “Sergeant Wright is clearly a dedicated professional NCO and Airman. He exhibits the highest degree of professionalism, dedication and expertise delivering information superiority to Team Holloman. No matter what the tasking or mission, Sergeant Wright is ready to proactively ensure the job is done and done right the first time. I’m extremely proud to serve with him and over 220 professionals, making a proactive difference in the greatest air force in the world. With NCOs like him, we are building a legacy of successes for the Air Force of the future.”

– **Maj. Michael Redding**
49th CS commander



Time in service: Six years.

What is your favorite quote? “Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure ... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.” – *Theodore Roosevelt*

What motivates you to be a better Airman? Seeing the mission come together, getting things done, which by one person would be impossible.

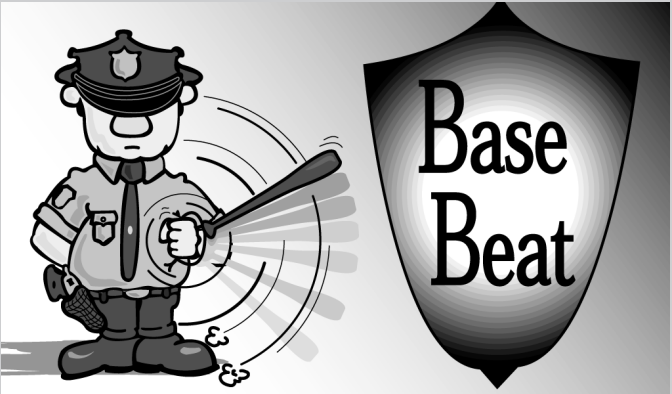
Time at Holloman: One year.

Home town: Tucson, Ariz.

Personal and career goals: Obtain a bachelor’s degree and serve in the base honor guard.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? I feel we all need to do our part to God and country. This is what

BASE BEAT



The 49th Security Forces handled the following incidents from Dec. 24 to Monday:

Civilian arrests

Dec. 26: An Airman was arrested by the New Mexico State Police for driving while intoxicated (aggravated), fleeing the scene of an accident, careless driving, driving with an open container and minor allowing self to be served. Breath alcohol content was reported at .15. He was jailed in the Otero County Detention Center in lieu of a \$500 bond.

Dec. 30: An Airman was apprehended by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated and careless driving. He consented to an alcohol test, revealing a breath alcohol content of .17 percent. The Airman was issued a court date and released to a sober individual.

Property loss, damage or theft

Dec. 25: A civilian reported a lock was broken on the main entry gate at Well Field adjacent to Oliver Lee Memorial State Park. The damage was found Dec. 24. A State Parks officer replaced the lock.

Dec. 26: A Sailor reported she had lost her common access card at the base theater.

Dec. 26: An Airman reported she had lost her common access card at the Wal-Mart in Deming, N.M.

Dec. 28: An NCO reported he had lost his common access card Dec. 22 at the Fort Bliss post exchange.

Dec. 29: An NCO reported his wallet, containing a bank

card, driver’s license, club membership cards and \$130 cash was missing. The wallet was last seen at the base post office at 11:10 a.m. that morning.

Patrol response

Dec. 24: An NCO reported a stray dog at his house on Kirtland Place. The dog was turned over to its owner.

Dec. 25: An anonymous caller reported loud music at dormitory 341. Security Forces entered the vacant room and unplugged the stereo.

Dec. 25: Security Forces pulled over an Airman suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol in the parking lot of dormitory 341. The Airman’s breath alcohol level was reported at .17 percent. The Airman was turned over to a supervisor.

Dec. 25: An officer reported a stray sheep dog in his house on Quay Loop. The dog was turned over to its owner.

Dec. 25: A dependent reported a stray dog had entered her house on Griffis Court. The dog was turned over to its owner.

Dec. 25: A dependent reported a verbal dispute on Valencia Loop.

Dec. 29: An NCO reported her son was suffering seizures at a residence on Hanscom Place. The individual was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Dec. 31: A Security Forces Airman reported an individual was acting disrespectful while being issued a traffic citation at the main gate. The individual, another Airman, was detained and released to a supervisor.

Tree recycling

Christmas trees may be placed in roll-off collection units at any of the three locations in base housing: near the officers’ quarters by the golf course, next to the Housing Self Help Store and off Santa Fe Avenue next to the park.

Roll-off units will be in housing until Jan. 15. Please do not deposit any other materials in the roll-offs.

Trees may also be dropped off in the wood yard, behind the recycle yard, at any time.

Trees will be made into free compost available at building 1266 off Vandergrift Road.

For more information, call 572-3931.

No legal assistance

Due to a temporary manpower shortage, the 49th Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office will not be available for legal assistance or wills on Tuesday

and Thursday. Exceptions can be made for personnel about to deploy. For more information, call 572-7217.

Award authorization

The Humanitarian Service Medal, the Air Force Service Medal and the Air Force Civilian Service Medal have been approved for personnel who supported relief efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The HSM is authorized for personnel supporting immediate relief operations in the area of eligibility of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for at least one day from Aug. 29 to Oct. 13.

Only one HSM, AFSM, or one of each (if appropriate) may be awarded under this authority. To verify entitlement to these awards, individuals should provide source documentation –assignment orders, TDY orders or travel vouchers, decoration

citations or performance reports – that shows the operation being supported, the location and the duration of service in the qualifying operation.

For more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight customer service office at 572-7277.

Reenlistment considerations

Below are some things to consider if you would like to continue your Air Force career and do not have U.S. citizenship:

Reenlistment: You will not be able to re-enlist until U.S. citizenship is obtained. You will also not be able to receive a bonus until you re-enlist.

PME attendance (Airmen Leadership School): You can only attend if you are able to obtain the retainability.

Promotion: You cannot pin on staff sergeant until you have attended ALS.

Retraining: You are unable to retrain if you cannot acquire the required retainability.

Assignments: You are not eligible for assignments requiring a security clearance.

Security clearance: You cannot obtain a security clearance without U.S. citizenship.

Commissioning programs: You are not eligible to apply without U.S. citizenship.

PALACE Chase/PALACE Front: You are not eligible to apply without U.S. citizenship.

The Military Personnel Flight can assist with obtaining citizenship. For more information, contact Ms. Darlene Hale at 572-0070.

Lodging

Have family visiting and no space? Check with the Holloman Inn for space available rooms. For more information, stop by the lodging front desk or call 572-3311.

Child care

The Family Child Care Program, in cooperation with the Air Force Aid Society and Family Support Center, provides 20 hours of free child care for families involved in a PCS move. This care is available for 60 days prior to and 60 days after the move. All active duty members are currently eligible for this program. Individuals interested in this program should contact the Family Child Care Program at 572-5848 or the Family Support Center at 572-7754.

Chess club

The chess club meets 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

Travelers welcome

The information, tickets and travel office is open at the Whispering Sands Community Center. Tickets for major theme parks and other events are sold. Call 572-7476 for more information.

Korean arts

The Fitness and Sports Center offers Kuk Sool Won martial arts classes 5 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are for ages 13 and older. Call 572-3229 to sign up.

Cycling

The Fitness and Sports Center would like to host an indoor cycling class, but 15 participants are needed. If you are interested, sign up at the front desk or call 572-3229.

Whitewater rafters

Whitewater rafting volunteers needed. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369 or stop by building 234 to sign up by Wednesday for the training and certification classes.

Back to basics

Need help with your PT test? Sign up for Back to Basics with the Health and Wellness Center. Classes start Monday. Classes are offered from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center.

Recycling center

The recycling center is taking blocks of Styrofoam such as those used to package computer monitors. Each cubic yard of Styrofoam saves \$150 of landfill space.

Please use paper bags, not plastic, for leaves. Thirty-gallon paper bags are free at the housing self-help store. Your Unit Environmental Coordinator can also supply bags. Paper grocery bags are fine. Bags can be closed with staples if desired.

The recycling center will be accepting bikes for tots. Any condition bike is taken. Please bag paper, cardboard, plastic and cans separately, and place whole bags in the recycle bin. Holiday gift wrapping is also recyclable. Collapse and bundle or bag boxes. They can be placed beside the recycle bin if there is not enough space. Please put paper in a separate bag for recycling.

Number 1 and Number 2 plastic bottles are wanted. Please remove the lids. Lids are recyclable, so place them in the bag.

Critical skills re-enlistment

The Air Force recently changed

the re-enlistment window and waived obligated service requirements for Airmen eligible to receive the enlisted critical skills retention bonus.

The re-enlistment window now allows CSRB-eligible Airmen to re-enlist at any time. If eligible Airmen have a year left on their current enlistment, the updated CSRB program allows that service time to be waived, clearing the way for Airmen to re-enlist and receive the bonus. CSRB program changes will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2007.

The CSRB program is open to technical sergeants and above with at least 19 years of service but not more than 24 years of service, a controlled AFSC of 1C2X1, combat control, or 1T2X1, pararescue, and a willingness to commit to serving two to six years.

Airmen meeting those requirements may qualify for a retention bonus of up to \$150,000.

Additionally, Airmen must meet re-enlistment eligibility and either re-enlist or extend for a maximum of six years, but no less than two years. Enlisted members who accept the bonus will incur an active-duty service commitment equal to their extension or re-enlistment.

Airmen are allowed to project their re-enlistment six months in advance provided the re-enlistment occurs on the actual day Airmen reach 19 years of total active federal military service.

Airmen unable to re-enlist on their 19-year anniversary date due to the date falling on a weekend, holiday or for other unforeseen circumstances may request an exception to policy.

For more information, eligible Airmen should contact their local military personnel flight re-enlistments section or commander’s support staff.

Decorations

Have you recently returned from a deployment? You may be eligible for service medals and/or service ribbons.

Visit your Awards and Decorations team at the 49th Military Personnel Flight customer service office in building 222.

Items to remember to bring as proof of your deployment include

a paid travel voucher, decoration or EPR/OPR you may have received while deployed.

A review of your decorations and ribbons should be conducted every six months as criteria for awarding can change frequently. Contact Mr. Randall Yoder at 572-0064 if you have any questions.

Repair news

“Repair Arnold Road Phase One” will be under construction for approximately two months.

School operations and “Desert Estates” housing will be impacted. Vehicle operators and pedestrians should take precautions in the construction zone.

For Phase One, Arnold Avenue will be closed from Arizona Avenue to just west of Cliffrose Street.

A temporary pass-way will be constructed off of Arizona Avenue to allow for staff parking and bus drop off only for Holloman Primary School students.

Holloman Primary students should be dropped off in front of building 771. Also, housing occupants will use Cliffrose Street as the only entrance/exit.

The Phase Two Traffic Plan will be publicized when it gets closer to construction start date.

Estimated completion date for the project is early April.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

Air Guard opportunity

The 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, N.Y., home of the LC-130 Ski-Birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields:

1C3X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3A&B, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2S0X2, 2T0X1, 2T2X1, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4N0X1, X4N0X1, 4A251 and 6F051.

There are also positions open through the rank of major for prior-service navigators qualified in any airframe. Call for more information, DSN 344-2457 or toll-free at (800) 524-5070; e-mail *109aw@recruiting.goang.com* or visit *www.skibird.com*.

BRIEFS

Passports

Changing duty station? Going TDY? Need a passport? Please stop by the 49th Mission Support Squadron customer service office or call Ms. Darlene Hale at 572- 0070 for passport issues or questions.

STARS volunteers

Students Taking All the Right Steps program is in need of volunteers. This program is part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Volunteers give one hour a week helping children improve in reading or math. There are currently more than 100 students in need of tutors. For more information, call 434-3388.

Childcare certification

Military dependents living on base must be licensed to provide childcare services in their government quarters for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis. For more information on how you can legally provide child care services, call the Family Child Care Program at 572-5848.

RIDE On

Holloman's safe alternative to driv-

ing under the influence of alcohol, 572-RIDE, is in need of volunteers. Last fiscal year the organization picked up more than 800 Team Holloman members. For more information call 572-RIDE.

Volunteers Needed

The Red Cross is taking applications for volunteers to work in the medical clinic, education office, the schools and the Red Cross office on Holloman. The Red Cross will help pay for childcare and also offers free classes for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Ms. Ronda Robert at 439-7959.

Operation We Do Care

Operation We Do Care is looking to fill volunteer positions in grant writing and sales. If interested, please contact sue@operationwedocare.org or call 479-9680.

HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club

thrift shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Consignments will be accepted from 10 a.m. to noon.

Airman's attic

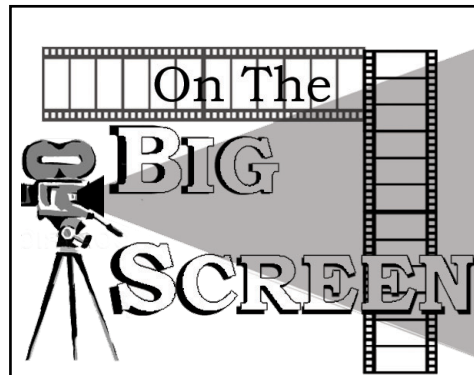
Airman's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every second Saturday of each month. Donations are preferred during operating hours. For more information call 572-2577.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.



Derailed (R)

6 p.m. Friday

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)

6 p.m. Saturday

In The Line (PG-13)

6 p.m. Sunday

